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CAP. X.

T was an honest Dutchman,
Meinherr Vonstoppelnoze,
And ever, after dining,
He sat him down to doze,
And slept away the sultry day
In beautiful repose!

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CAP. X.

ND which it was an insect
Come buzzing at his ear;
But happy is the sleeper,
And nothing doth he fear,
Nor dream—unconscious mortal—
An enemy is near!

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CAP. III.

ND now the vile intruder
Hath sought the sleeper's head,
And there he marcheth gaily,
With bold and daring tread
But still the sleeper sleepeth
As he were of the dead!

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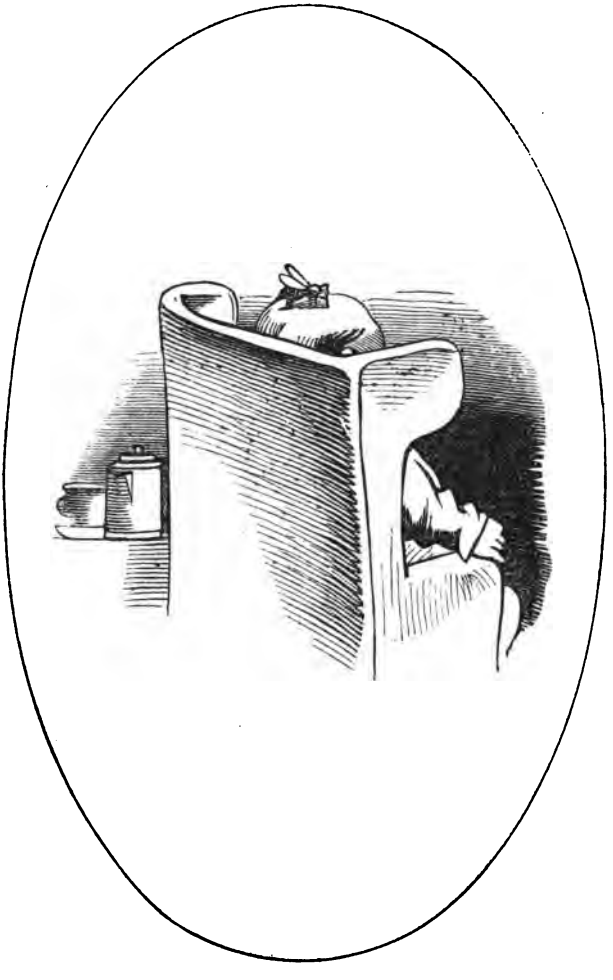

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CAP. XV.

WHAT would the wicked insect?
What maketh he so sly?
Hath he a sting beneath his wing,
That curséd little fly?
Potstausend! cries the sleeper,
And openeth his eye!

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CAP. V.

fearful is his anger
To view the flying foe,
That, for his wicked mischief,
Hath spoiled his slumber so;
Sturmwetter! cries the Dutchman,
Ish dat der way you go?

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CAP. VI.

AND now the wanton insect,
All in a merry glee,
(Was ever wight, by day or night,
So wondrous bold as he?)
Alights, for his refreshment,
Upon a cup of tea!

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CAP. VII.

have him now! unto himself
Says Herr Vonstoppelnoze;
And, aiming at the enemy
The sturdiest of blows,
His fist goes flying through the air,
And—down the china goes!

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CAP. VIII.

E sees his broken crockery,
And heaves a heavy sigh;
There's slivers in his fingers,
There's fury in his eye;
But where—for he has vanished—
Has fled the wicked fly?

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CAP. IX

AH! there he goes as large as life,
A-buzzing overhead;
That sturdy fist the mark has missed,
And so the rogue has fled;
Mein Gott! cries Herr Vonstoppelnoze,
I thought the imp vas dead!

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CAP. X.

HE makes a little flapper
To flap the wicked fly;
Ho! ho! says he, *we soon shall see*—
But now the imp is shy;
'Tis plain Meinherr Vonstoppelnoze
Can never flap so high!

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CAP. XI.

ND so he mounts into his chair,
And flaps with might and main;
With such a swingeing blow as that
The rascal must be slain;
Alas! the best of mortal plans
Full often prove in vain!

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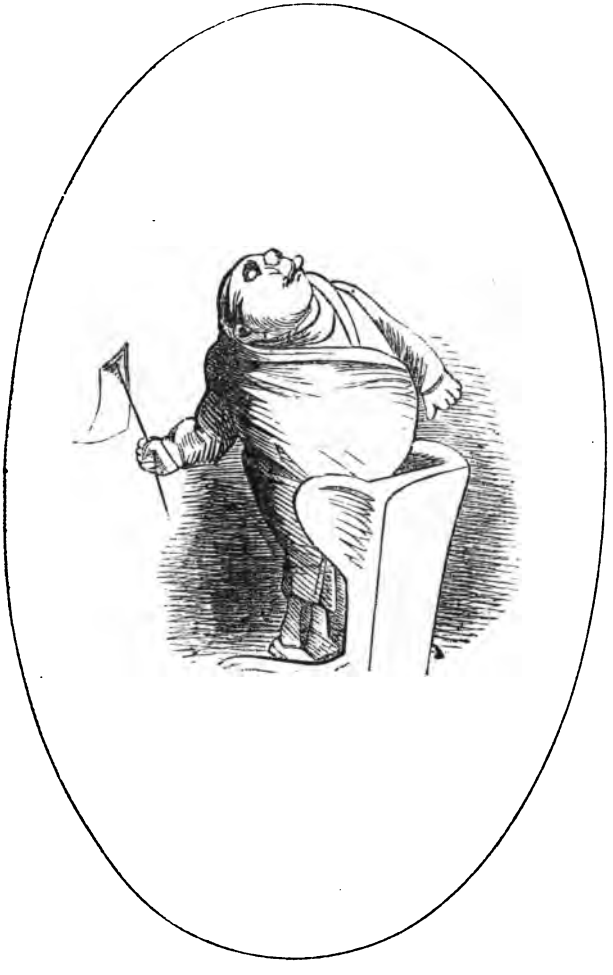

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CAP. XII.

O fierce a blow cannot be lost,
As you may well suppose;
Up flies the arm!—down falls
the chair!—
Away the insect goes—
And flat upon his chubby face
Comes Herr Vonstoppelnoze!

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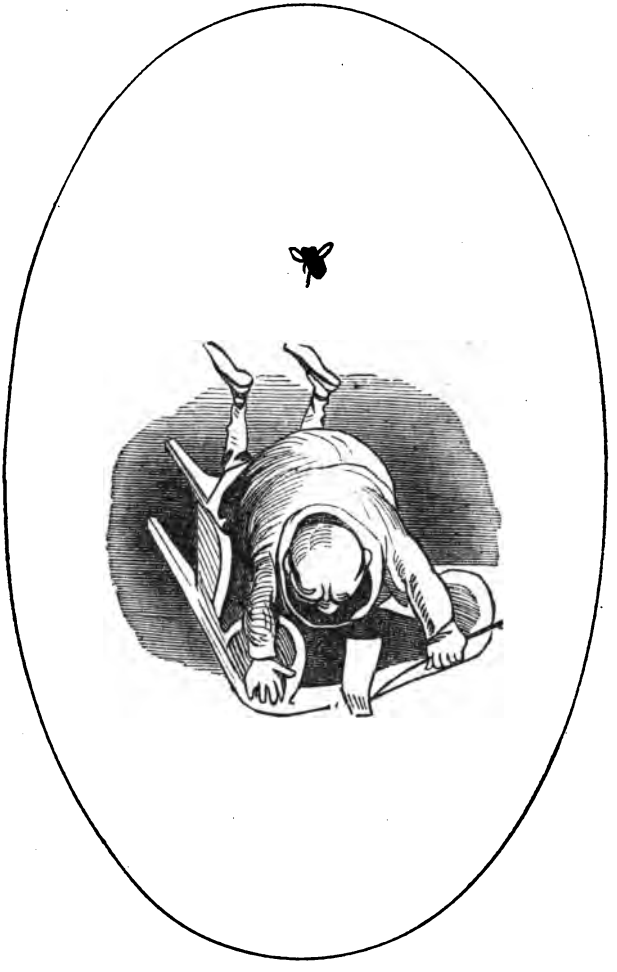

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CAP. XXX.

UT soon again with might
and main
He pounces on the foe;
His stick has caught a flower-pot,
And deals a deadly blow;
His time has come!—that hated fly
Will soon be lying low!

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CAP. XIV.

NOW there stands Herr Von-
stoppelnoze,
All in a merry glee,
Exulting o'er the fallen foe,
And crying, *Now you see,*
You leedle tuyfel, vat you gets
Mit mettle-ing mit me!

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CAP. XV.

AND now upon the vanquished fly
Behold the victor tread;
He tramples on his ugly limbs;
He tramples on his head,
Until the curséd insect
A thousand times is dead!

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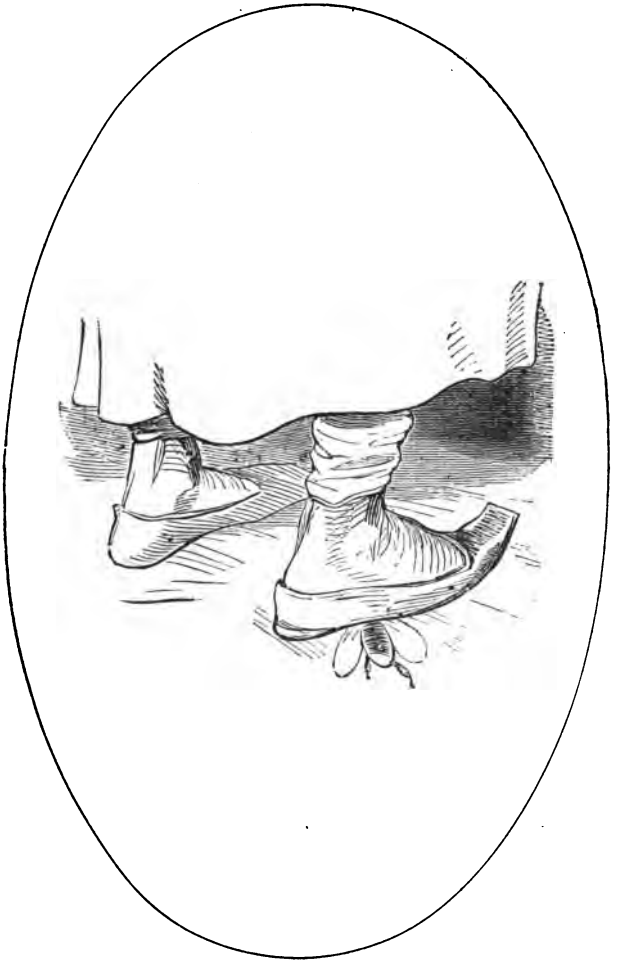

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CAP. XVI.

THE work is done!—the victor's joy
Is tingling in his toes,
So potently he can't refrain
From dancing as he goes;
Now I can go to shleep again!
Says Herr Vonstoppelnoze.

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